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SUBJECT: Sino-US Talks: Meeting of January 8, 1970

REF : STATE 002761; Warsaw 50 ; WARSAW 51 ; WARSAW 031

1. Accompanied by SIMONS, I met Chicom Chargé LEI Yang, accompanied by LO and LIU, at 1500 January 8. Lo and Simons

interpreted in Polish. Chinese statements following in informal translation.

2. After greeting and offering tea and cigarettes, I invited Lei to speak. He said: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~:

QUOTE In connection with your statement of December 11, on instruction of the PRC Government I make the following reply.

In your statement of December 11, you said that the American Government intends (zamierza) to reduce tension in relation to China and to improve relations with China. The Chinese Government consistently pronounces itself in favor of, and tries for, peaceful coexistence with countries of different social systems on the basis of the Five Principles, and

unceasingly made efforts (to achieve) peaceful solution

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of international disputes through negotiations. A tense situation exists between the Chinese People's Republic and the United States. The relations of the two countries could not be fundamentally improved, the Chinese-American ambassadorial-level talks taking place for more than ten years could not achieve results. For all this the responsibility does not lie at all (zupełnie nie ciąży) on the Chinese side. On the basis of the consistent position of the Chinese Government, we express agreement to the proposal of the American Government concerning holding an official meeting of representatives of the Governments of the two countries. We propose that the meeting take place January 20. At the meeting, the Chinese and English languages can be used in interpretation, as previously. We noted that you proposed that the subsequent meetings take place alternately in series at the Chinese and American Embassies. We agree to this proposal. We propose that the 135th sequential Chinese-American meeting of January 20

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be held at the Chinese Embassy. We should like to hear your views on this proposal. That would be all from our side. UNQUOTE

3. I replied: QUOTE. I listened with interest to the Charge's statement on behalf of his Government. I do not wish to enter today into discussions concerning responsibility for the results or lack of results of earlier meetings. I noted the proposal of the Charge that the next formal meeting between the two sides take place on January 20, and can say that the United States agrees to this proposal. I also noted that the Charge agrees to use Chinese and English interpretation. This accords with our view and we agree to this as well. I noted that the Charge suggests that the next meeting be held in the Chinese Embassy on January 20, and I can say that the United States agrees to this, on the understanding that subsequent meetings in the series of formal meetings will take place alternately in our respective Embassies. Would the Charge like to add

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something to his statement? UNQUOTE. .

4. Lei replied: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ QUOTE. You said that the United States agrees with our proposal concerning the place and time of the meeting. Can this be considered an agreed understanding in this matter? UNQUOTE.

5. I replied: QUOTE. This is a firm agreement on our part, with the understanding that subsequent meetings will take place on an alternating basis in our embassies. Can I consider that the Charge agrees with this? UNQUOTE.

6. Lei replied: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ QUOTE. I already expressed myself clearly on this matter, in my reply to your statement of December 11. You proposed in the previous meeting that subsequent meetings take place in series at the ~~XXXX~~ Chinese and American Embassies. We express agreement to this proposal. I shall transmit your statement to my Government. UNQUOTE.

(original prepared statement of both sides could make separate announcements)
7. Press Handling. Lei then ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~statement~~ suggested in prepared statement that both sides could make separate announcements ~~statement~~/re agreed 135th meeting. When I suggested joint

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announcements after 24 hours that we had agreed to meet in Chinese Embassy, Warsaw, on January 20, he made another prepared statement concerning handling present meeting. When I pressed again for joint announcement, he repeated both statements together. They are: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ QUOTE. Concerning the official meeting which is to take place, both sides can separately announce (it) publicly, as was done previously. Concerning today's meeting, the question of announcing it publicly can be handled according to the principles agreed by both sides in the last meeting. END QUOTE. ~~XXX~~ I then stated (a) with regard to present meeting, that we would respond to questions that we had met to discuss matters of common interest and that we would not divulge the contents (in accordance with previous understanding), and (b) with regard to the 135th meeting, that I would report what he had said, that I understood that each side would make the public announcement as it wishes, and that we would inform the Chinese side in

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advance via the Simons-Lo channel re timing and content our announcement. Lei replied that he agreed and that if need for further contact resulting from today's meeting arose it could be handled telephonically by contact men.

8. Level of Chinese Representation. I then said:

QUOTE. Mr. Charge, for our information regarding the next formal meeting, I should like to inquire whether your Ambassador will be returning to Warsaw for the meeting. If not, will you plan to send an Ambassador from another country, or will you yourself, Mr. Charge, speak for the People's Republic of China? UNQUOTE.

Lei replied: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ QUOTE. At the 135th ambassadorial-level Chinese-American meeting, on our side the Charge d'Affaires will participate as representative. UNQUOTE.

9. U.S. Statement. I then said: QUOTE. Mr. Charge, I now wish to make a statement. The President has authorized me to state the following. UNQUOTE. I then

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made statement given in STATE 002761 with minor changes to put in first person. In reply, Lei said: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ QUOTE. I shall report the statement you made to our Government. I do not wish to express an opinion (on it) today. UNQUOTE.

10. Meeting lasted two hours. Chinese arrived in large black/limousine flying flag. Principals faced each other from sofas across coffee tables in second-floor reception room; juniors used separate chairs; arrangement same as in Chicom Embassy December 11. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

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Atmosphere businesslike.

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11. Comment. Re press announcement concerning 135th meeting, we believe on basis discussion reported para 7

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above that US is free to make public announcement when
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